



# Space-rock search is on

A cool \$10,000 up for grabs for discovery of the first piece of meteor

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**A space cowboy from south of the border is offering big bucks for the first found pieces of giant rocks that fell from the sky to the earth.**

Countless reports of fire in the sky east of Edmonton on Thursday evening, followed by an ear-gouging sonic boom, are proof enough for meteorite man Robert Haag that the sky was falling.

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Robert Haag

"This is the coolest treasure hunt of the decade," he said. "It's going to cost the government nothing and it's all about free enterprise."

The space-rock collector is offering a cool \$10,000 for the first piece recovered from the meteor, which, by talking with residents all through the

area, he's certain fell near the tiny town of Macklin, Sask., 100 km south of Lloydminster.

He said that if the reward isn't enough motivation to get doubtful

residents on the hunt, he'll up the ante.

"If nobody cares about it and it's not worth anything, then nobody will get up off their couch and (they'll) keep watching Spongebob," he said.

"People don't often believe it. People often do nothing, and then a kid will get on his bike and ride for five minutes and find the equivalent of a brand new Corvette."

Haag said

meteor hunters should be on the lookout for rocks that look like slabs of melted concrete slathered with black paint, and that if one is found, more will be close by.

Haag said those most likely to discover pieces of the meteor are those who heard the boom, indicating they're likely within 30 km of where it fell.

Watch footage of this weekend's meteor sighting at [metronews.ca/local](http://metronews.ca/local)

## Six years in slammer for con man

**PRISON** A con man who talked unsuspecting victims out of more than \$1 million has been handed six years in prison.

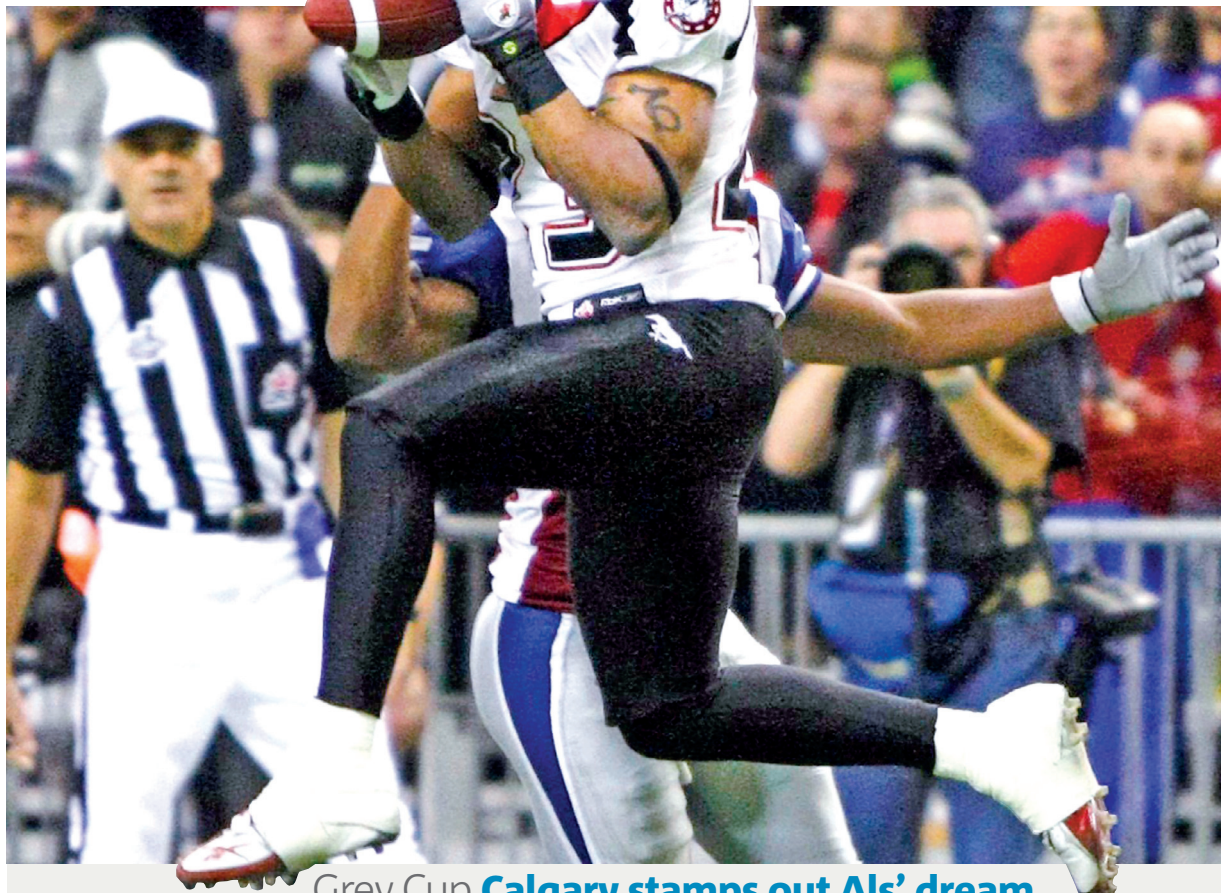
Brian Desmond Penney, 38, was given a six-year sentence Friday for the losses of his 20 victims, who were hustled into bankruptcy and almost out onto the street.

One couple, aged 74 and 64, gave their entire life savings to the fraudster, totalling \$334,000.

Penney pleaded guilty on Sept. 17 to hustling 20 people out of out of thousands of dollars for investments into a fake "hot-shot" delivery business between 2001 and 2007.

Judge Michael Allen called the Spruce Grove man an "economic predator."

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## Grey Cup Calgary stamps out Als' dream

Calgary Stampeders' Shannon James intercepts a pass intended for Montreal Alouettes wide receiver Brian Bratton during the fourth quarter of CFL Grey Cup action in Montreal yesterday. The Stamps went on to win 22-14. For more, see pg. 11

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## The Outback is in again



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## Minister slammed over new health-board comments

**CONTROVERSY** The head of a health-care lobby group says Health Minister Ron Liepert crossed the line when he announced the director was not an ideal candidate for Alberta's new health board.

Liepert said in session Thursday that David Eggen, the executive director for Friends of Medicare and

former NDP MLA, was interviewed for the position, but he was not among the "best candidates."

"Mr. Speaker, ironically enough, the former member, who is now involved with Friends of Medicare, actually applied to be on the board, and our search firm did the interviews with him and determined

that he was not among the best candidates," said Liepert during question period.

Eggen says Liepert's comments could discourage others from applying for jobs in public service.

"An employer has an obligation to keep job-application information confidential and certainly not

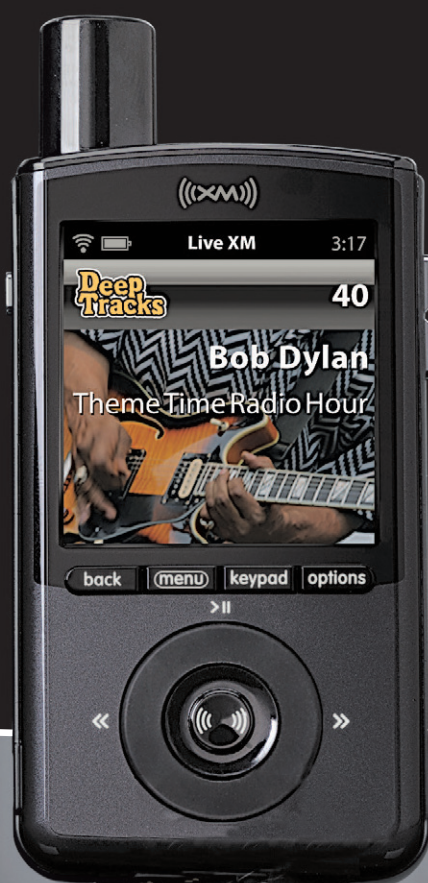
go around publicizing who applied and who was rejected in the process," Eggen said in release.

After Liepert made the comments, Speaker Ken Kowalski told the health minister to do a review on whether he breached any confidentially agreements.

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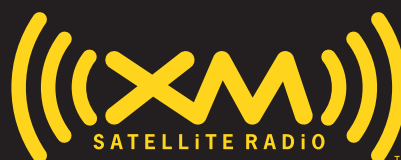
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**U of A talk to focus on how and if governments can stave off recession**

Worried about the state of our global economy? Head to the Stanley Milner Library on Thursday for a lunchtime discussion with University of Alberta economics professor Yingfeng Xu, to learn how and if governments can stop the slide into a recession or depression. The talk kicks off at 12:05 p.m. and admission is free. **METRO EDMONTON**

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### News in brief

**STABBING** A fight that broke out between two groups at a bar parking lot near 67 Street and 137 Avenue Saturday resulted in a 24-year-old man getting stabbed. But police said the man, who was rushed to hospital with non-life threatening injuries after police found him around 12:30 a.m., was not involved in the fight. Police say they've identified suspects and charges are pending. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Friday, Nov. 21  
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Saturday, Nov. 22  
Lotto 6/49: 9, 21, 28, 37, 44 & 49 Bonus 19  
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## Letting go at the sex show

A.S.K. members tout getting kinky to ease daily stress

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### Love hurts, and, for some of us, love hurts intentionally.

A.S.K., or the Alberta Society for Kink, are a group of seemingly normal, everyday people who love a little hurt behind closed doors.

Whips cracked from the group's mock dungeon set up at the Taboo: Naughty But Nice Sex Show over the weekend, and though their private lives seem extreme, their public lives are incredibly mainstream.

"When I'm walking around on the street, you'd have no idea I like to get tied up," said 20-year-old Anita Bangle.

The group meets once a week and draws members from all over Alberta, who want to explore another level of intimacy.

"A lot of it is about control, dominance and trust," Bangle said while hanging

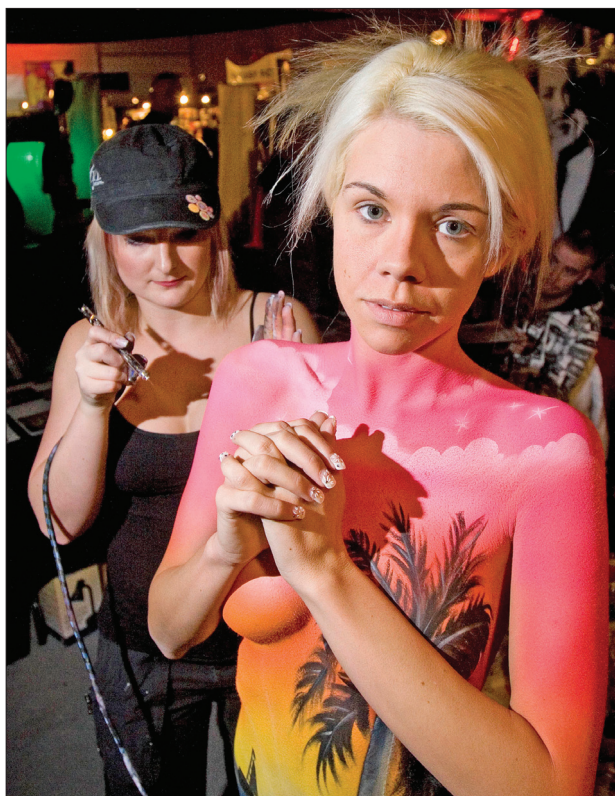
suspended and tied to a chair, as an audience of gawking onlookers stared curiously. "It builds a lot of trust between people in a relationship."

For Dennis McLaren, cracking a whip gives him an incomparable endorphin rush he allows himself once real life stops for the day.

"I'm a regular guy. I've got to pay bills and live my life," he said, adding his entire family knows about his bedroom behaviour, and is largely OK with it. "I don't go out dressed in leather, just at home."

Bangle said that her lifestyle is one in which, although she's submissive, she's always in control. She claims the stresses of an uncontrollable everyday life, where things don't always go her way, can be absolved by one night of domination and submission.

"Everything we do is safe and consensual — I have never, ever felt unsafe," she said.



Makeup and body artist Jennifer Little, left, puts the final touches on Serena Carpenter of Red Deer. Carpenter was modelling body paint yesterday at the Taboo: Naughty But Nice Sex Show.

## Stoned driver gets 4 years for fatal crash

**SENTENCE** A man found guilty of negligence in a car crash that killed two people when he was stoned behind the wheel is now serving a four-year sentence in prison, but he will be out in 37 months after the judge gave him credit for time served.

James McIlwrick was convicted on two counts of impaired driving causing death and two counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm in September.

The 36-year-old crashed into an SUV head-on during the morning commute on Nov. 25, 2003, after smoking marijuana before he ventured off to work.

Henry Yao, 40, and Tammy Engelking, 27, were killed, and two other passengers in the vehicle were seriously injured.

McIlwrick reportedly told court he smoked cannabis for pain from past medical problems, and he's not a threat to the community as long as he doesn't drive. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Five people, including a baby, escaped serious injury when a twin-engine medevac plane crash-landed and burst into flames in northern Manitoba on Saturday night. The Transportation Safety Board is investigating. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada

**"The auto-sector demand alone could cause our deficit to dramatically balloon."** Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty



## Bailout

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, left, has warned that giving taxpayers' money to support the auto sector could drive the province's deficit into dangerous territory. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

### News in brief

**IMMIGRATION** Canada will maintain its current policy of encouraging immigration to meet identified labour shortages in key areas, despite the worldwide financial crisis, Ja-

son Kenney, the minister for immigration, said. Kenney, interviewed in the Ukrainian capital Kiev, said consultations with provincial governments, labour and industry showed

that immigrants with the right skills were still needed to ensure economic growth. He promised Canada would not follow the cuts some European countries had made. **REUTERS**

## PM talks recession

**Canada could dip into a technical recession later this year or early 2009, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday, vowing to use fiscal stimulus if needed.**

Harper told reporters at an Asia-Pacific leaders summit any stimulus package must be effective in boosting domestic consumption and stimulating investment, while avoiding the creation of long-term budget deficits.

### Define 'recession'

• Economists define recession as two consecutive quarters of contraction. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty echoed the PM, saying that the global crisis may have pushed Canada's economy into recession.

"The most recent private-sector forecast suggests the strong possibility of a technical recession at

the end of this year, beginning of next," he told a news conference in Lima.

This month, the IMF said Canada was the only developed country that it expected to post growth next year amid a widening global financial and economic crisis. But Harper said rising deflationary pressures were a "worrying development" that required him to rethink temporarily his long-standing opposition to deficit spending. **REUTERS**



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### Olympics Torch relay set



B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell, centre, federal Sports Minister Gary Lunn, left, and Vancouver Organizing Committee CEO John Furlong hold the torch used in the Calgary 1988 Olympics in front of a map showing the 2010 Olympic-flame route. The route takes the torch within an hour of 90 per cent of Canada's population.

### Breakthrough for B.C. cancer-research team

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**MEDICINE** A team of scientists at the B.C. Cancer Agency in Vancouver has made a milestone discovery in the fight to end breast cancer, the agency announced yesterday.

The findings, which were published this week in the medical journal Nature Medicine, will allow scientists to better study breast stem cells, likely the cause of breast cancers.

"We've devised a way to detect and see those stem cells in breasts," said Peter Eirew, lead author of the study. "Up until now, we haven't been able to set them apart from the other cells."

The research team believes it may be applicable to other types of cancer.

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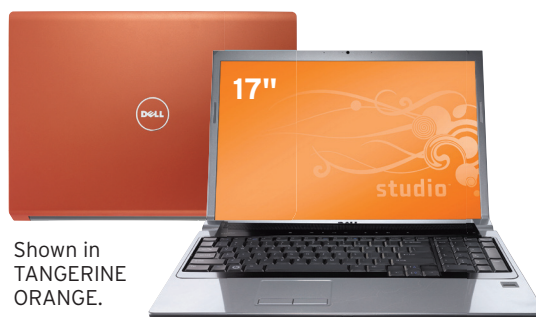
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# Savvy holiday shopping tips

## HineSight

Anne Hines



Thirty-one days until Christmas. Once again I find myself asking, "If the holidays are about home and family, why am I always alone in a mall?"

I could buy gifts online. But I always feel this should be dubbed, "Internet shop-

ping. When you care enough to send the best. But not to actually go out and get it yourself."

To make your gift buying easier, here is The HineSight Guide to Savvy Seasonal Shopping.

1. Before scouring the stores for that one perfect unforgettable present, follow three steps. Pause. Think of all the unforgettable gifts you've given or received in previous years. If you can't remember more than two, just buy everyone socks.

2. Forget gift cards. My daughter, Jade, says, "Gift

**Make shopping an extreme sport. My brother, Bruce, believes there is no life event so onerous that it can't be turned into a competition.**

cards: They're like cash. Only worse." I still have cards from places like Heidi's House of Hostas and Sausage World. And convenience-wise, you may still have to go from store to store to get them. Even cash has to be procured and shoved in an envelope. If we really wanted convenience, there's an obvious solution. Direct deposit from

your account to your loved ones'.

3. Convert to Buddhism. Really. Right now. Buddhists are joyous, peaceful people so you know they don't have to go into a single mall in December. Any religion that doesn't require gifts this time of year will do. Saying, "I'm sorry. I'm a disciple of the Goddess Habukku," should get

you out of that Secret Santa draw no problem.

4. Make shopping an extreme sport. My brother, Bruce, believes there is no life event so onerous that it can't be turned into a competition. Bruce would start his Christmas shopping at 4 p.m. on Dec. 24. If the gift he gave you came in a Shoppers Drug Mart bag, you knew he didn't make it to your present before the mall closed at six.

5. Never give someone a poinsettia. Poinsettias should be genetically engineered to die on Dec. 31. They're the Survivor con-

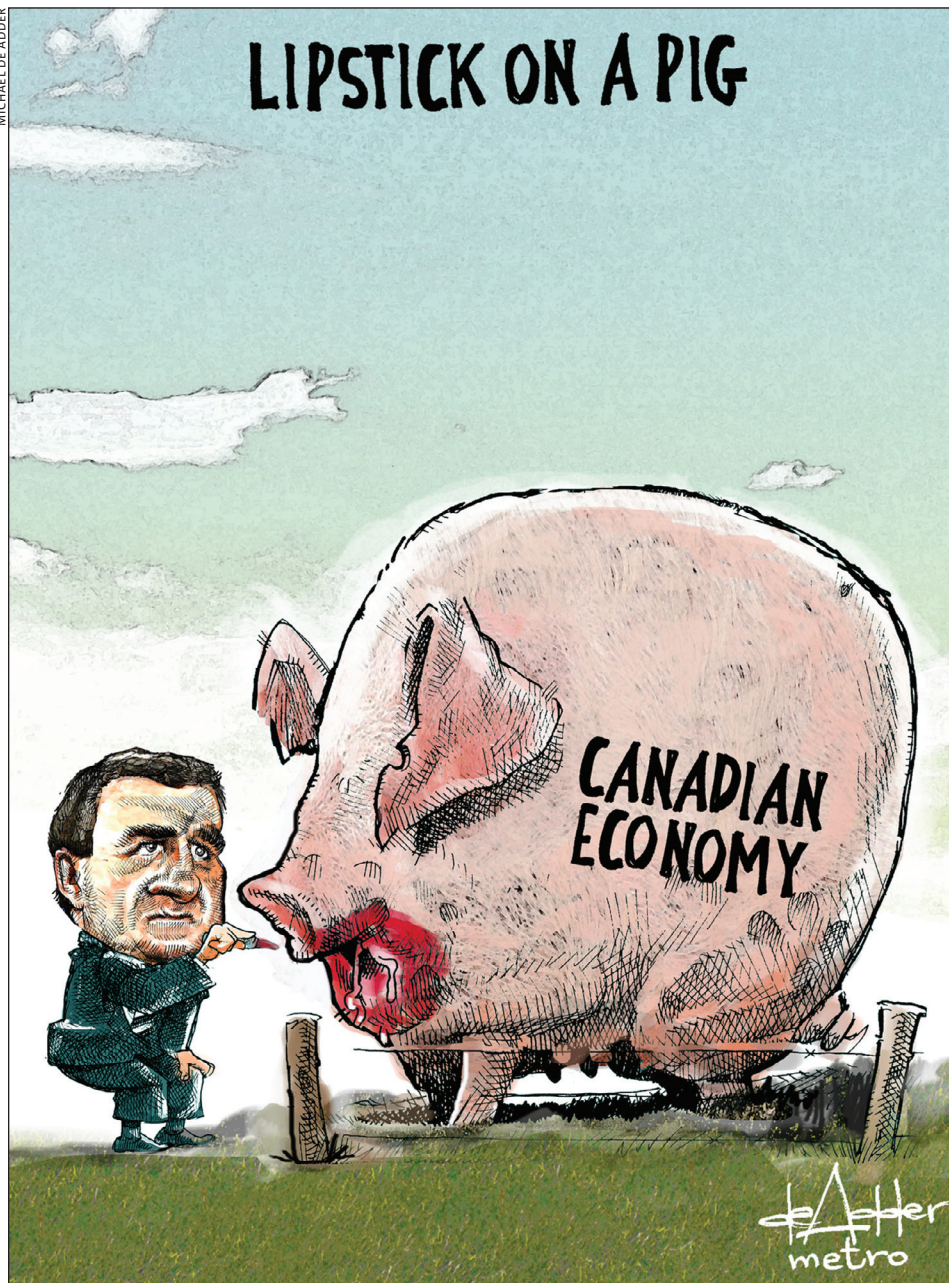
testants of the plant world. I can starve them, ignore them, stick them in the basement and they still hang on for months, proclaiming, "Isn't this fun? I'm all about Christmas." By April, I'm tossing them into the compost bin and I feel like I've killed Santa Claus.

These few simple rules can make the holidays less daunting. And we need that.

Because it's only 395 days until next Christmas.

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## LIPSTICK ON A PIG



## Views

# Politicians take transit challenge

Civic politicians got an eyeful this week as they rode Edmonton-area trains and buses, relying on the transit system exclusively to get them around.

The aim for the Transit Riders' Union of Edmonton's second annual Transit Challenge Week was for participating politicians to gain greater insight into the strengths and weaknesses of Edmonton's transit system.

Politicians participating included city councillors Linda Sloan, Ben Henderson, Don Iveson, Amarjeet Sohi and Dave Thiele, as well as St. Albert MLA Ken Allred.

Edmonton Transit System administration said 60 of its staff signed up to take the challenge.

Participants had varying reasons for taking the challenge; Sloan said she took the challenge "because our transit system is under-utilized," while Sohi said one reason he took it was to better understand the challenges that riders go through every day and because, "as a political leader, it is my responsibility to lead by example."

Almost all the councillors commented on how pleasant it is to be able to

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get work done on the bus, whether reading or e-mailing from their BlackBerrys. Other benefits mentioned: Getting to interact with people and the low cost of taking transit. And while most councillors admitted they disliked waiting in the cold and that taking the bus took a little longer than driving, they all seemed to feel that the benefits of transit outweighed the inconveniences.

What could improve about the system? Sohi and Thiele both had concerns about overcrowding on routes and improving off-peak (evening, night and weekend) service. Henderson and Sloan both expressed concerns around routes and scheduling, while Iveson said that "city council has lots of work to do to make sure that transit keeps up with demand."

What were the highlights? Both Henderson

and Sloan were surprised by the sheer volume of passengers, even in off-peak hours, while Thiele was most impressed with the courtesy of passengers on the bus, who frequently gave up their seats to elderly passengers or thanked the bus driver as they disembarked.

For Sohi, one highlight was being able to keep track of things like passenger volumes and travel times, which he can later share with his fellow councillors.

This year's challenge wraps up with a public forum today from noon to 1 p.m. at the CBC Stage in Edmonton City Centre East (#123, 10062-102 Ave).

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A teenage Nepali boy many believe is an incarnation of Lord Buddha went missing Friday after blessing thousands of supporters, police said. This is the third time Ram Bahadur Bamjon, 17, has disappeared since his first appearance three years ago. **REUTERS**

# Business/World

## Business

### Free-trade agreement with Colombia signed

Canada and Colombia have signed a free-trade agreement, hoping to boost investment and trade flows at a time of global economic instability.

The pact, which has been criticized by union leaders in both countries as well as opposition politicians and human-rights activists who say Colombia is not doing enough to stop attacks on activists, includes side agreements on labour and environmental rights.

The deal must be ratified by lawmakers in both countries. Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe said the trade deal sent an anti-pro-

#### The deal details

- Tariffs on 98 per cent of Canadian exports to Colombia would be eliminated immediately or within 10 years.
- In the next three to seven years, tariffs on most Colombian exports to Canada would also be cut.

tectionism message at a time of economic turmoil when some countries have increased trade barriers.

Harper said a stalled Colombia-U.S. free-trade deal would also send a message of commitment to open markets if it could move forward. **REUTERS**

#### In brief

**ECONOMY** Saudi Arabia slashed interest rates to three per cent, for the third time since October, and the United Arab Emirates intervened in a property merger and brought it under a state-owned bank yesterday in moves to contain the impact of the credit crunch.

**BAILOUT** U.K. Prime Minister Gordon Brown defended his plan to inject up to 20 billion pounds of borrowed money into the economy to stave off recession in the form of tax cuts and extra public spending, saying failure to act could cause permanent damage.

**AUTOMOTIVE** GM will return two of its leased corporate jets, and Ford could sell some of its jets, after being blasted this week for flying on a private jet to ask the U.S. federal government for public funds. **REUTERS**

## APEC leaders promise swift economic action

The United States, China, Japan and 18 other economies in Asia and the Americas pledged quick and decisive action yesterday to prevent a severe global economic downturn.

With recession gripping parts of the world and financial markets in chaos, leaders at the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum said the slowdown is "one of the most serious economic challenges we have ever faced."

They said free trade and higher government spend-

**"We are convinced that we can overcome this crisis in a period of 18 months."**

APEC leaders

ing were key to resolving the crisis, and supported a big push to revive long-stalled global trade talks by seeking agreements on contentious farming and manufactured goods.

Their pledges at the end of a two-day summit in Peru echoed the measures

called for by the Group of 20 major economies at a meeting in Washington a week earlier, and widened the support for drastic action to stimulate lending and spending.

They promised at the summit to work together to ease the turmoil, agreed not to adopt new trade barriers for a year and called for better regulation of the financial industry.

"We are convinced that we can overcome this crisis in a period of 18 months," the leaders said at the summit.

**REUTERS**

## Mexico Blurring the gender boundaries



Pedro Martinez, left, braids the hair of a friend dressed in the traditional costume of a Zapotec woman at the town of Juchitan in southern Mexico on Saturday. Over the weekend, the festival of the "muxes" was held for indigenous gays and transvestites in Juchitan, where they have found a haven of acceptance in Mexico's macho society.

## Violence against Afghan children on the rise: UN

**REPORT** Violations of children's rights are increasing in Afghanistan with more attacks against schools, more children killed and more evidence of child sexual abuse, the United Nations said yesterday.

The report, produced by UNICEF for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, said western military operations were killing more children, and pointed to an air strike in July in which 30 of the 47 civilians killed were children.

Another major concern

#### Methodology

- The report was conducted using a combination of data from agencies working across Afghanistan and anecdotal reports or allegations of violations against children.

for UNICEF is sexual abuse against children, particularly boys who are kept as sex slaves by wealthy and powerful men.

**REUTERS**

#### News in brief

**WASHINGTON** Barack Obama will announce his top economic team today. The names for the two top jobs became known over the weekend — Timothy Geithner, president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as treasury secretary, and Lawrence Summers, a former treasury secretary, as director of the National Economic Council.

**AUTOS** Barack Obama backs congressional demands that U.S. automakers provide a game plan for long-term survival before a taxpayer-funded bailout is approved, an adviser said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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# A behemoth that won't stop growing

## ScienceMatters

**David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola**



Have you noticed that we describe the market and economy as if they were living entities? The market is showing signs of stress. The economy is healthy. The economy is on life support.

Sometimes, we act as if the economy is larger than life. In the past, people trembled in fear of dragons, demons, gods, and monsters, sacrificing anything — virgins, money, newborn babies — to appease them. We know now that those fears were superstitious imaginings, but we have replaced them with a new behemoth: The economy.

Even stranger, economists believe this behemoth can grow forever.

Indeed, the measure of how well a government or corporation is doing is its record of economic growth. But our home — the biosphere, or zone of air, water, and land where all life exists — is finite and fixed. It can't grow. And nothing within such a world can grow indefinitely. In focusing on constant growth, we fail to ask the important questions. What is an economy for? Am I happier with all this stuff? How much is enough?

A timely new book by York University environmental economist Peter Victor, *Managing Without Growth: Slower by Design, Not Disaster*, addresses the absurdity of an economic system based on endless growth. Victor also shows that the concept of growth as an indispensable feature of economics is a recent phenomenon.

The economy is not a force of nature, some kind of immutable, infallible entity. We created it, and when cracks appear, it makes no sense to simply shovel on more money to

**For the first time in four billion years of life on Earth, one species has become so powerful and plentiful that it is altering the physical, chemical, and biological features of the planet on a geological scale.**

keep it going. Because it's a human invention, an economy is something we should be able to fix — but if we can't, we should toss it out and replace it with something better.

This current economic crisis provides an opportunity to re-examine our priorities. For decades, scientists and environmentalists have been alarmed at global environmental degradation.

For the first time in four billion years of life on Earth, one species has become so powerful and plentiful that it is altering the physical, chemical, and biological features of the planet on a geological scale. And so we have to ask, "What is the collective impact of everyone in the world?" We've never had to do that before, and it's difficult. Even when we do

contemplate our global effects, we have no mechanism to respond as one species to the crises.

So all the things an intact ecosystem does to keep the planet vibrant and healthy for animals like us are simply ignored in our economy. No wonder futurist Hazel Henderson describes conventional economics as "a form of brain damage."

Nature's services keep the planet habitable for animals like us and must become an integral component of a new economic structure. We must get off this suicidal focus on endless, mindless growth.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at [www.david.suzuki.org](http://www.david.suzuki.org).

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

## San Francisco aims to become electric car capital

San Francisco Bay Area cities promised to build the electric car capital of the United States, announcing a plan to work with start-up Better Place

to put battery-powered autos on the road in 2012.

Mayors of San Francisco, Silicon Valley capital San Jose, Oakland and other cities in the region said

they would offer incentives and standardize infrastructure with Better Place, a start-up that aims to offer electric cars as a service, like a cellphone, at

prices similar or below standard cars.

Better Place is also developing networks in Denmark, Israel, and Australia.

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**Columbus wins MLS Cup**

Guillermo Barros Schelotto led Columbus to victory in the MLS Cup yesterday, capping his MVP season with three assists in the Crew's 3-1 victory over the New York Red Bulls. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Sports

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## O'Neal's knee a cause for concern

Jermaine O'Neal left the Raptors' 118-103 loss to the Celtics yesterday. The centre had started despite having strained his surgically repaired left knee against New Jersey on Friday. Against the Nets, O'Neal hurt his knee when he was pulled down in the fourth quarter by Sean Williams. There was no structural damage, but O'Neal did not practise Saturday. "It just didn't have any stability, it was becoming a little too painful," said O'Neal yesterday. "The big picture for us is in the long term, and we've got two days before the next game." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Calgary puts its Stamp on it

**96TH GREY CUP****Stamps 22, Alouettes 14****DAN TOTH**  
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**THE SKINNY:** The Stampeders claimed Calgary's sixth Grey Cup with a 22-14 win over Montreal. The West Division has now won four consecutive CFL championships. The Alouettes, meanwhile, have lost six of the seven Grey Cup games they've played in since 2000.

**THE QUOTE:** "You'd have had to cut my leg off for me not to play in the Grey Cup," Stamps cornerback Brandon Browner told TSN. Browner had his ankle frozen prior to the



Henry Burris celebrates with a cigar and champagne after capturing his first Grey Cup last night.

game, allowing him to play despite a sprained joint.

**THE RUNNER-UP QUOTE:** "This is what you fight for, go through the ups and downs for, and right now I feel like I'm living a dream," Henry Burris told TSN before being rewarded as the game's Most Valuable Player. "We fought every game this season, whether it meant

something or it didn't mean something, we showed up for each other. Calgary Stampeders football is on the map now."

**THE TURNING POINT:** Stampeders defensive back Shannon James picked off Als quarterback Anthony Calvillo in the Calgary end-zone in the fourth quarter, snuffing out

Montreal's chance of a comeback.

**THE GAME-BREAKER:** Sandro DeAngelis booted a 50-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, his fifth three-pointer of the night, en route to being named the game's Most Outstanding Canadian.

**THE RATING (OUT OF FIVE STARS):** Three. Great defence is entertaining, but nothing can match an offensive shootout, which never materialized.

**THE RUMBLING:** Expect Browner to sign with an NFL team in the off-season, although Henry Burris is expected to sign a contract extension with the Stampeders.



For Marty York's Grey Cup report, visit us online at [metronews.ca/yorkreport](http://metronews.ca/yorkreport)

# Oilers' true test ahead

**CapitalSports****Robin Brownlee**

him out for all of them. Three more come against Dallas, who have been mediocre at best, and will have to get along without Brenden Morrow, who just tore up a knee and is gone for the season.

**IT SAYS HERE**

The Oilers have no shot at making a move unless they get more from their top six forwards. Outside Ales Hemsky, nobody is playing well enough. Dustin Penner, who has already been called out, Shawn Horcoff, Erik Cole and Sam Gagner have to be better.

**WHILE I'M AT IT**

Fernando Pisani won't need surgery on his broken left ankle, but he'll be out at least six weeks ... A bigger concern is Lubomir Visnovsky, who injured his knee in a collision at practice Saturday and will be assessed today.

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# Workology



## Soccer in Manitoba

Earlier this month, the University of Manitoba opened a new multi-field soccer complex. The larger playing field in the facility can be subdivided into smaller fields to accommodate different ages and abilities.

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# Time to prep for the worst

Management should manage fear-free

Losing your job may be a real possibility

RAFAEL BRUSILOV  
for Metro Canada



**Anxious times can create anxious employees, but good management can alleviate some of that anxiety.**

Productivity plummets when workers spend more time each day worrying about their jobs than doing them, which is why employers need to reassure their workers with open and constructive leadership.

Sue Philchuk, vice-president and partner at Canadian disability management consulting firm Banyan Work Health Solutions, suggests the most important thing for employers to do during tougher times is to demystify what's happening and let employees be a part of the solution.

"Be really honest and transparent with (your workers) about what's going on and let them know what the game plan is and how they can contribute," Philchuk said.

**"The more control people have ... the less stress there's going to be."**

Sue Philchuk

Though Philchuk isn't suggesting business owners should reveal all the inner workings of the business to employees, she says giving away as much information as possible will show trust and respect. Rather than have employees speculate about what's happening and expecting the worst, giving them the facts can help to keep their fears at bay.

"I think you need to reveal what's possible to reveal, because people are thinking about it anyway. The more control people have over their circumstances, the more achievable those goals are and the less stress there's going to be in the workplace," Philchuk said.

As for supporting workers individually, Philchuk

suggests consistent feedback can clarify employees' job duties and help keep them on track to reach their goals.

"Make sure employees know exactly what their job duties are and that you're providing them with clear, concise and constructive feedback on how they're doing," Philchuk said.

Of course, giving feedback includes recognizing a job well done, something Philchuk says many leaders forget. A few words of encouragement can go a long way.

RAFAEL BRUSILOV  
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**With growing fears of a recession in Canada, smart workers know to hope for the best, but prepare for the worst.**

Jordin Amin, an American certified public accountant (CPA), suggests the first thing people should do in a turbulent time is to



## Thinking ahead

• Conventional thinking used to recommend three to six months of saved-up living expenses to cover things like mortgage and loan payments,

food and utility payments. Nowadays though, Jordin Amin (CPA) suggests six to 12 months is a more realistic number to aim for.

start preparing their emergency fund — a collection of money they have saved for the sole purpose of keeping themselves afloat should they suddenly lose their income. While credit can tide you over in the short-term, its long-term effects, like compounded interest, can be debilitating financially and accessing money from things like savings bonds or RRSPs in a pinch can carry its own set of penalties, fees and other problems.

"Every dollar you can save is a good dollar to have when you need it and it's much easier to use your own money instead of someone else's," Amin said.

As for credit, securing sources of it before the bad times hit is crucial since credit becomes very difficult to secure when you have no income.

The key to saving your own money, Amin says, is to come to terms with the fact that a certain

amount of money needs to be put away every month, to be used only in times of a financial emergency. One way to ensure you stick to your saving plan is to have your employer split a portion of your paycheck into a separate direct deposit account. Or you could have your bank do an automatic transfer of a particular amount of money from your main account into your emergency fund account every month or so. The important thing, according to Amin, is to make the act of saving your money as effortless as possible. Don't worry about siphoning away that little piece of income — Amin says most people hardly miss it once they get used to saving.

"Anything that doesn't require direct action is good. Typically people tend to adapt to what they have and after a couple of cycles you don't notice it," he said.

If you do lose your job, reassess your finances right away so you can adjust appropriately.

"Create a new budget and figure out where you are spending money so you can understand where your money is and get in control of your spending," Amin said.



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**Trend seen in schools offering courses on blogging**

How-to courses on blogging are popping up in continuing education programs across Canada. Simon Fraser University will offer a weekend course about blogging. The University of Toronto, Nova Scotia Community College, Centennial College, and the University of British Columbia also offer blogging courses. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Tree rings are great storytellers

OddJobs

**Diane Peters**


On a recent workday, Colin Laroque went down to the old mines near the Joggins Fossil Cliffs on the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia to check out some pieces of wood with a historian visiting from England.

He took some doweling-shaped samples of the wood, using a hand auger, put them under a microscope and counted the rings down to a thousandth of a millimetre.

"Trees have many ways of telling us about the past," he says. As a dendrochronologist — a job title that simply breaks down to the words "tree" and "time" — Laroque, 43, knows how to tap into this information.

He'll take the pattern of those tree rings and compare it to other samples he and his students at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New



As a dendrochronologist, Colin Laroque knows that in the Maritimes, most of the old growth forests have been clear-cut, and finding a tree more than 200 years old is a huge find.

Brunswick, have taken in the area. When he synchs up the patterns, he'll know the year the tree was cut down to make the wood for the mine or dock. And that in turn will tell him whether it was made by the Acadians before 1739, or the British who came later and took over the mines.

Such detective work is common for Laroque, who is an associate professor and director of the Mount Allison Dendrochronology Laboratory. He and his team of undergraduate and graduate students also help people date the wood in their homes to see if it was built by the Acadians —

making it a lot more valuable.

Dendrochronologists do research too — some of it very creative. One of Laroque's students is analyzing heavy metals that have gotten into trees from the Sydney Tar Ponds over the years, while another is calculating how global warming will affect

trees in the future.

Laroque grew up north of Saskatoon; a kid who loved the outdoors. He was studying physical geography at the University of Saskatchewan when a professor took him and a class out to look at a glacier. Laroque was not only fascinated by how important water was to his

## The Lowdown

**Job title:** Dendrochronologist

**Salary:** \$45,000 to \$100,000

**Education/training:** Graduate degree in geography under a dendrochronologist

**Best Part of the Job:** "I enjoy being outside. I'm out hunting down trees and camping and I get to see a lot of the country."

**Worst Part of the Job:** "Being in remote Labrador and wearing two bug jackets and trying to keep the bugs out while you're eating a sandwich."

prairie homeland, but by the fact that the trees were the best way to track how the glacier had changed over the years.

He moved to Vancouver Island to do his master's and PhD at the University of Victoria, studying geography and dendrochronology, and then ended up at Mount Allison.

There are only about 20 dendrochronologists in Canada, and most of them work in the old virgin forests of British Columbia or Ontario, where there are trees as old as 900 years.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

## Building literacy a word at a time

**EDUCATION** Canada enjoys one of the highest literacy rates in the world, and yet, according to Human Resources and Social Development Canada, at least 40 per cent of Canadian adults do not meet the minimum level required to succeed in the knowledge-based economy.

Literacy — the ability to read and write, and also to understand and use language — takes root in early childhood. Studies have shown that children who are read to by their parents develop stronger language and listening skills, vocabulary, and creativity. In addition, toddlers aged two to three who are read to several times a day do significantly better in kindergarten than those who are only read to a few times a week or less, according to ABC Canada Literacy Foundation.

"Literacy is about brain development, education, and creativity, but it is al-

so about fun," says Brad Martin, president of the Canadian Publishers' Council (CPC). "Whether being read to by a caregiver, for a school assignment or for leisure, there is a lot of power in each and every book, not to mention important childhood memories of curling up with a parent or grandparent to read a favourite story."

Encouraging literacy at a young age isn't just the responsibility of children and their family — community support is also important. Libraries, book stores and schools all play important roles in fostering the love of reading. And Canadian publishers are also doing their part by supporting numerous literacy initiatives.

In the past five years, members of CPC have donated millions of books and more than \$1.2 million in funding to special literacy initiatives.

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**Ritchie's Rocco gets cameo**

Guy Ritchie is reportedly giving his eight-year-old son Rocco a  
cameo appearance in his next film, *Sherlock Holmes*. **IMDB.COM**

# Entertainment

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Singer Taylor Swift greets fans lined along the red carpet outside the American Music Awards in Los Angeles yesterday.

## Brown top artist at AMAs

**R&B singer Chris Brown swept the American Music Awards last night, winning three prizes including artist of the year.**

He overshadowed Alicia Keys, who led the field with five nominations, and ended up with a pair of statuettes. She was considered the favourite for artist of the year, the ceremony's final award.

Brown was clearly shocked when his name was announced. He said he would have given the award to British rock band Coldplay, which was nominated for four awards, but went home empty-handed.

The 19-year-old star was also named favourite male artist in both the soul/R&B and pop/rock categories. His girlfriend, Rihanna, won those categories for the women.

Keys' awards were for her chart-topping disc, *As I Am*, which was named favorite album in the soul/R&B and

### And the big winners are...

- Alicia Keys won favourite pop/rock album for *As I Am*
- Favourite rap/hip-hop album went to Kanye West
- Chris Brown won artist of the year, two other awards
- Brad Paisley won for favourite country artist
- Taylor Swift won for favourite female country act

spoken rapper Kanye West, who has never been afraid to express his dismay when he is overlooked at awards shows. He won the first two American Music Awards of his career, but said he would give one of them away to fellow nominee, Lil' Wayne.

"If it was last year, this would have been my award," West said of the favourite male rap/hip-hop category. "This year, it's Wayne's award. We'll see what happens next year."

Earlier, he won for the statuette for favourite rap/hip-hop album with *Graduation*. West challenged musicians of all genres to push each other, and to reclaim the spirit of artists like The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin. In his case, he declared, "I wanna be Elvis!"

But host Jimmy Kimmel retorted a little later, "Elvis died on the toilet with half a jelly doughnut in his mouth, so you might want to rethink that one."

For the second year, winners were determined by on-line voting. They used to be decided by a poll of 20,000 music buyers, but producers decided to make the event more inclusive in the wake of slumping ratings. The move seemed

to work, with last year's show attracting 11.8 million viewers, up from 10.9 million the year before.

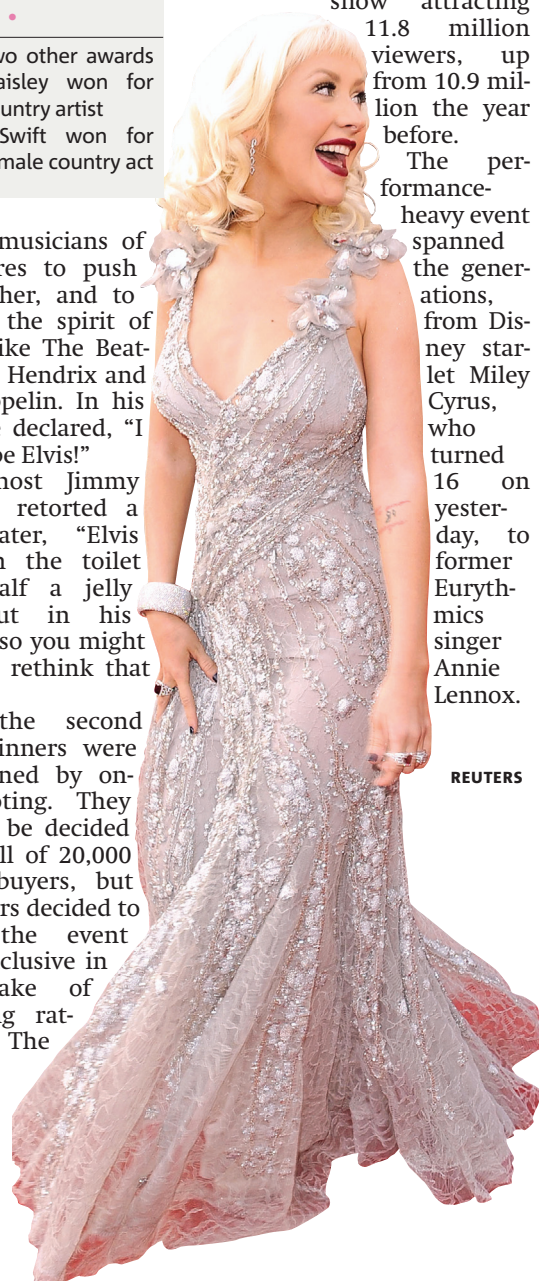
The performance-heavy event spanned the generations, from Disney starlet Miley Cyrus, who turned 16 on yesterday, to former Eurythmics singer Annie Lennox.



pop/rock categories.

Other multiple winners included out-

Christina Aguilera and T-Pain pose for photographers.



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**Lennon forgiven**  
A Vatican newspaper has forgiven singer-songwriter John Lennon for saying four decades ago that The Beatles were more popular than Jesus. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**



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Left: The Pussycat Dolls say hello to fans on the red carpet. Below: Singer Rihanna accepts the top soul/R&B female artist award during the American Music Awards last night.



Both Brigitte Nielsen, right, and Phoebe Price, above, arrived in attire that looked to be more tablecloth than designer dress.



Above: Former American Idol losers-turned-successes Chris Daughtry, left, and Jordin Sparks, right, caught up before the awards kicked off. Right: R&B singers Ne-yo and Leona Lewis pose on the red carpet.



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**Bourne again**  
Movie-studio bosses have signed a deal to revive Matt Damon's character in The Bourne Identity series. [IMDB.COM](http://IMDB.COM)

# Australia inhabits culture

JIM REYNO  
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**It's a great line, maybe even a classic.**

Actor Paul Hogan, starring as the title character in *Crocodile Dundee*, is confronted by a mugger. Dundee's companion tells him to hand over his wallet — the kid's got a knife.

"That's not a knife," Dundee chuckles, and pulls out a bigger Bowie knife. "That's a knife."

The mugger flees and

the world laughed along, loving Hogan as the Australian crocodile hunter out of his element in New York City. The year was 1986, and *Crocodile Dundee* was a critical and box-office smash, bringing Australia right along with it. The Outback was in, with a flurry of G'days, a few Fosters — and keep that dingo away from the baby.

With the release of director Baz Luhrmann's much-anticipated film *Australia*, interest in the country is sure to swell again.

But there's already an Aussie presence active in our culture. Luhrmann has already made his mark with the films *Moulin Rouge*, *Romeo + Juliet* and *Strictly Ballroom*. His male lead on *Australia* is a fellow countryman Hugh Jackman, recently named *People* magazine's Sexiest Man Alive.

Jackman isn't the only popular leading man to come from the land Down Under. Russell Crowe, who was born in New Zealand and moved to Australia as a child, won a best-actor Oscar for his performance



Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman star in the movie *Australia*.

in 2000's *Gladiator*.

Mel Gibson and Geoffrey Rush are other Australian Oscar winners. And there's Oscar buzz around another Aussie this year — Heath Ledger, who died in January, for his portrayal of the Joker in *The Dark Knight*.

Australian women are also prevalent on the big screen: Cate Blanchett and Naomi Watts are two of the best known; Winnipeg-born Anna Paquin grew up in New Zealand.

The female lead in

Luhrmann's U.S.-born, but Australia-raised Nicole Kidman, who has had an impressive career, including an Oscar win for her performance in *The Hours* in 2003.

Plus, she makes up one half of what is probably the best-known Australian celebrity couple. Like Crowe, country rocker Keith Urban is a transplanted New Zealander. The two-time Grammy winner married Kidman in June 2006.

## Smarts upset in Genius

### BookPicks

#### Signed, *Mata Hari*

**Author:** Yannick Murphy  
**Publisher:** Little, Brown and Company  
**Price:** \$29.99 (Hardcover)

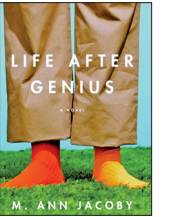
Who is the real Margaretha Zelle? Is she the disparaged wife of a broken marriage? World-traveling independent woman? Temple dancer Mata Hari? Or is the seeming jill-of-all-trades, as her imprisonment would suggest, a World War I spy for Germany? That's what the authorities that put her in a Paris jail believe. And it's her job to convince them otherwise, or face a gruesome demise. Yannick Murphy assembles an often erotic, rarely dull account of a woman begging for her life by authenticating her own past through narrative reflection.



### Life After Genius

**Author:** M. Ann Jacoby  
**Publisher:** Grand Central Publishing  
**Price:** \$27.99 (Hardcover)

Up there with *Magnolia* quiz kid Donnie Smith and *Into The Wild*'s Chris (Alexander Supertramp) McCandless, you'll find Thomas Mead Fegley. In *Life After Genius*, he's the latest intellect-gone-awry whose youthful academic feats take an unpredictable turn when he's just 18. Already on the cusp of graduating university and proving an over century-old hypothesis, Fegley suddenly leaves school to return to his Illinois home. His decision to sell furniture and work as an embalmer confuses his parents, past acquaintances and everyone who knows the once-upon-a-time prodigy. But by escaping what he's always known, Fegley begins to learn who he really is.



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**Cancelled?**

ABC has opted not to order additional episodes of Pushing Daisies, Eli Stone and Dirty Sexy Money for this season. The network isn't commenting, but multiple sources confirm that all three shows have effectively been cancelled. **EW.COM**

# CTV sharing TV networks' feeling of financial chill

## IntelVision

**Rick McGinnis**

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**NO ONE LOVES YOU WHEN YOU'RE DOWN AND OUT:** For as long as I've been writing this column, CTV's upfront presentation has been the big event of the local TV calendar, an expensive, high-profile media event where the network takes over a marquee Toronto venue (the Royal Alexandra Theatre, the Sony and Four Seasons performing arts centres) to bang the drum for their newly-acquired roster of shows and the continuing success of old ones.

Under CTV boss Ivan Fecan, the network's business strategy has been easy to summarize: Invest in lo-

cal product prudently with halfhearted hopes that you'll get a homegrown hit, while throwing lots of money at U.S. producers to get simulcast rights for the primetime hours. It worked well enough for main competitor Global to be obligated to do much the same thing, but like everything else that's going on in this chilly, anxious fall-into-winter season of change (with our without a capital-C) it's looking like an artifact from another time.

A front-page article in the National Post's financial section this past weekend eulogized the Fecan era while the man still occupies his office, after the network's parent company, CTVglobemedia, announced a major round of cutbacks to staff and budgets last week. Fecan's "spend money to make money" philosophy "is now facing grave uncer-

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tainty," according to the Post, and Fecan delivered an address to employees nationwide on Wednesday "warning of impending layoffs and a freeze on travel and entertainment spending at CTV Inc., the country's largest private broadcaster."

Precise details of what's going on at CTV or its parent company aren't easy to divine, thanks to its status as a private company with a small number of large shareholders that doesn't have to publish financial

information. So we'll watch to see how precisely it intends to weather the current economic downturn across a variety of media, but the fate of CTV will be watched closest of all.

What went wrong is easy to figure out when you read news like ABC's cancellation of three of its primetime shows, all of them once part of CTV's buying spree down south.

The Canadian network's website no longer puts Pushing Daisies, Eli Stone or Dirty Sexy Money front and centre — they aren't even on the list of shows linked off CTV's website front page — but they were all trophies brought home by Fecan and Susanne Boyd, his head of creative content, and showcased at recent up-fronts.

In this light, CTV has never been the author of its own success, and proba-

bly doesn't have the thick cushion of money ABC can expect from Disney, its corporate parent, though it's unlikely that neither of them will escape the humbling fate due to media companies, now being accelerated by poor shows and a poorer economy.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## GlobalStyle

**Kenya Hunt**

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## In brief

**MUSIC** Guns N' Roses fans in China will have to go underground to get their hands on a copy of the band's first album in 17 years, Chinese Democracy. **REUTERS**

**BOX OFFICE** The weekend's top films at the North American box office: 1. Twilight (\$70.6 million US); 2. Quantum of Solace (\$27.4 M); 3. Bolt (\$27 M); 4. Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (\$16 M); 5. Role Models (\$ 7.2 M); 6. Changeling (\$ 2.6 M); 7. High School Musical 3: Senior Year (\$ 2. M); 8. Zack and Miri Make a Porno (\$ 1.7 M); 9. The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (\$ 1.7 M); 10. The Secret Life of Bees (\$ 1.3 M). **REUTERS**



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## critics' corner

### Heroes

After reuniting Sylar and Elle, Arthur orders them to find Claire and bring her to him. Matt, Hiro and Ando then team up and follow Daphne to her hometown of Athens, Ga., to discover what she's been hiding. Meanwhile, Nathan and Peter head to Haiti. 10 PM on CITV KHQ



### Faerie Queen

If you've sat through "The Nutcracker", you might be ready for this enjoyable production from 2003, choreographed by John Alleyne and performed by Ballet British Columbia. Based on Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," it's an exuberant, whimsical tale of love, mischief and magic. 6 PM on BRAVO

### My Own Worst Enemy

Edward (Christian Slater) risks national security to find the identity of his parents' killer. Then Angie prepares for bad news when her father, Archie, visits for the holidays. Meanwhile, Tom and his wife, Mary, rekindle their strained relationship over a bourbon-fueled cooking session. 9 PM on CITV: 11 PM on KHQ

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## Celebrity Buzz

## Barker files lawsuit

**LEGAL** Travis Barker has filed a lawsuit blaming the pilots and defective equipment for a plane crash that severely injured the



rocker and DJ AM and killed four other people, People.com reports.

The L.A. Superior Court lawsuit, also filed Friday by the mother of Barker's bodyguard, Charles (Che) Still, who died in the crash, alleges the pilots "negligently decided to abort" the takeoff when the Learjet's tires failed in September at an airport in Columbia, S.C.

"The pilots were either poorly trained and/or failed to follow their training," the suit says. "The pilots' decision was a breach of their duty owed to the passengers on-board and was a substantial factor in causing the crash and resultant injuries and deaths."

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## Reese not ready for another marriage

**RELATIONSHIPS** Reese Witherspoon thinks it is too soon to think about marrying boyfriend Jake Gyllenhaal, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 32-year-old actress, who has two children with ex-husband Ryan Phillippe, admits divorce has changed her opinions about the institution of marriage.

"Family is all we have in life, but I don't know how I feel about marriage," she said. "Obviously, I'm not far enough out of being married to think about doing

it again. You sort of reconstitute your family. You find a family with people who come into your life for a reason."

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## Maguire's wife is pregnant

**FAMILY** Another gem is on the way for Tobey Maguire and his wife, Jennifer Meyer, People.com reports.

The couple — already parents to Ruby, 2 — are expecting a second child in the spring, the actor's rep Kelly Bush confirms to People.

"I love being a dad!" the three-time Spider-Man star, 33, told People when Ruby was just six months old. He and Meyer, 31, met in 2003 and married in September 2007.



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## Jessica loves new aunt role

**FAMILY** Jessica Simpson is ecstatic about her latest role — aunt to newborn Bronx Mowgli Wentz, People.com reports.

"I'm over the moon with joy," the singer said Friday.

Singer Ashlee Simpson Wentz and her husband Pete Wentz welcomed Bronx on Thursday night in Los Angeles.

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## Sweetin files for separation

**SPLIT** Former Full House star and new mom Jodie Sweetin is splitting with her husband, People.com reports.

Sweetin, 26, filed papers Wednesday in Orange County, Calif., for legal separation from Cody Herpin, 31, who helped turn around her life after years of methamphetamine addiction.

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## Penn helps ex Madonna

**RELATIONSHIPS** Madonna is doing her best to get through her split from husband Guy Ritchie, with a little help from ex-husband Sean Penn, People.com reports a source close to the singer as saying.

"It's a sad situation, but she's not heartbroken," says the source, who saw the 50-year-old icon hours before a London court granted the couple a preliminary "quickie divorce" on Friday. "She's handling it well."

Madonna is focusing on her work and her children to keep her mind off the end of her nearly eight-year marriage to Ritchie, says the source. "She's got a very busy life."

Also helping her through the tough time is her ex-hus-

band. The singer and Penn were spotted having drinks at the Greenwich Hotel in Manhattan on Wednesday night.

"They have a nice rapport," says the source. "There's nothing romantic there. They're just good friends."

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## Williams asks to grieve in peace

**PEOPLE** Actress Michelle Williams has slammed the paparazzi for refusing to let her grieve in peace following the death of her ex-boyfriend Heath Ledger in January, imdb.com reports.

In her first in-depth interview since the tragedy, the actress tells the upcoming issue of Newsweek magazine she'll never forgive the disrespectful snappers who have made her life a misery in the past year — and she won't forget them.

Williams tells the publication she was particularly disturbed with the efforts some photographers went to just to get a photo of her young daughter Matilda.

"It burns a fire inside of me, the s— that I've seen people do to get at me or my daughter," she says. "I won't forget it, and I won't support it. I don't want my daughter growing up feeling spied on or threatened."

And it was one encounter with an overzealous female paparazzo, which tipped Williams over the edge.

"I said, 'You're better than this. Look at you! You're young, you're able-bodied, you have a brightness in your eyes. You're above this.' But you know what? She didn't go away," Williams adds.

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## Beyonce/Jay-Z high earners

**PEOPLE** Beyonce Knowles and Jay-Z have been named Hollywood's highest-earning couple, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The married pair topped the list compiled by Forbes magazine after collectively making \$162 million US between June 1, 2007 and June 1, 2008.

Hip-hop star Jay-Z pocketed \$82 million from a 10-year deal with Live Nation, while Beyonce raked in \$80 million from film, fashion and publishing deals.

Actors Will Smith and Jada Pinkett-Smith finished second place in the list, with earnings of \$85 million.

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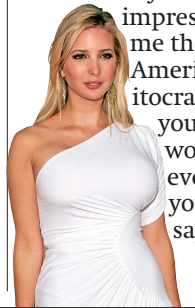
## Ivanka signs on for book deal

**CAREER** Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump is on the fast-track to building her own business empire, after signing a deal to publish a new book, imdb.com reports.

The 26-year-old former model, who holds an executive office at the Trump Organization, has signed on with publishers at Simon & Schuster to write a motivational book, reports the New York Post.

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**WEEKDAYS AT 6 AM**



Take Five

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Crossword across

- 1 Nessie’s home, for one  
5 Banned insecticide  
8 Post-bout apparel  
12 Examination  
14 Watched  
15 Reverie  
16 Repair  
17 Speck  
18 Open square, in Italy  
20 With fervor  
23 Poolroom prop  
24 Reed instrument  
25 Ray of light  
28 Glutton  
29 Play the banjo  
30 Craze
- 32 Wrestling format  
34 Dwindle  
35 Get better  
36 Shakespeare’s Kate  
37 Jewish village  
40 Pair  
41 Harbour city  
42 Ben & Jerry’s product  
47 Settled down  
48 Choker, e.g.  
49 Interoffice note  
50 Earth (Prefix)  
51 Mulligan —

Crossword down

- 1 Hallucinogen letters  
2 Goose, in Guadalajara  
3 Weep  
4 Football conference?  
5 Regimen  
6 “CSI” find  
7 Middle ear membrane  
8 Updated movie  
9 Courtroom call  
10 Mercedes—  
11 Icelandic epic  
13 Helen’s home  
19 Cold War missile  
20 Short flight  
21 Newspaper notice  
22 Forum garb  
23 Not urban
- 25 Thief’s task  
26 Somewhere out there  
27 Lion’s pride?  
29 Undo a dele  
31 Morning moisture  
33 Certain city area  
34 Fingerprint spirals  
36 Use a straw  
37 Junk e-mail  
38 Golf goal  
39 Slender  
40 Erte’s style of art  
43 Bee follower  
44 Chow down  
45 Expert  
46 Kitten’s call

PREVIOUS DAY’S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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7	5	4	1	8	3	6	2	9
5	4	9	8	6	2	7	3	1
8	2	3	5	7	1	9	6	4
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	21-25 min .....	Not bad
	25+ min .....	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Tuna and Bell Pepper Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 oz (200 mL) new potatoes
- 2 oz (240 mL) thin green beans
- 4 small eggs
- 8 oz (130 mL) mixed salad leaves
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped parsley
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) snipped fresh chives
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) tapenade (black olive paste)
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) red-wine vinegar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) balsamic vinegar
- 10 to 15 radishes, thinly sliced
- 1 can water-packed tuna, drained
- 3 oz (40 mL) cherry tomatoes
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
- 8 black olives
- Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
- Fresh basil leaves

METHOD:

- 1. Place potatoes in a saucepan and cover with boiling water. Boil over medium heat 10 minutes. Add beans and continue boiling until potatoes are ten-

- der and beans are just cooked, about 5 minutes longer. Drain well; set aside to cool.
- 2. Bring a medium saucepan of water to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium, add eggs, and from the time the water starts to simmer cook 10 minutes. Rinse eggs in cold water, peel and place in cold water.
- 3. Toss salad leaves with parsley, chives and red onion in a large, shallow bowl.
- 4. For dressing, beat tapenade with garlic, olive oil, red-wine vinegar and balsamic vinegar in a small bowl, and season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour two-thirds dressing over salad leaves and toss together.
- 5. Halve potatoes and arrange on top of leaves with green beans, radishes, tuna chunks, tomatoes, bell peppers and olives. Halve eggs and add to salad. Pour remaining dressing over and sprinkle with basil leaves.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

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**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
Make the first move in a new friendship. A man offers to buy your assets. Don't loosen up in the presence of a known critic.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
Hide your true feelings for a former love. Believe only half of what you hear. Shoulder pain reveals a strain.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
There's no need to teach anyone a lesson. Management will make a special deal. A tiresome person really doesn't care about you.

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
Make up your mind to get going with your life. Say important things with candor. A scrumptious treat will bring friends together.

**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
Happiness is the result of being understood. You were born to be wild. Open your heart to an Aquarian.

**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
A stubborn person slows down your progress. A stranger improves your mood. You'll solve the mystery of love.

**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
A powerful experience will change your attitude. A selfish guy makes you grit your teeth. Boundary issues will be upsetting.

**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
Take care around hot things. Having an observant approach will save you time. A childish person wants emotional support.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
Try to understand somebody's ridiculous viewpoint. You'll get insight into a stressful situation. A perfectionist is changed by falling in love.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
Pay attention to a demanding spoilsport. There's a rough assignment ahead. Benefits are in store when a friend helps out.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
You're getting restless again. A ludicrous promise is just a bit alarming. You'll be standoffish with disgusting people.

**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
A patient person has a balanced approach. See a doctor if a minor illness won't go away. A narrow-minded person hurts another's feelings.

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- NOV. 24, 1966: New York City experiences the smoggiest day in the city's history.
- NOV. 24, 2005: Conservative leader Stephen Harper, the leader of the Official Opposition in the Canadian Parliament, introduces a motion of no confidence, which NDP leader Jack Layton seconds. The motion is passed on Nov. 28 leading to the dissolution of the 38th Canadian Parliament.

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2. Single-file line got longer (1)	
3. Belgrade native's action words (1)	
4. In-the-neighborhood bumpkin (2)	
5. Casual runner's light-colored beers (2)	
6. Moves towards and gets Georgia fruits (2)	
7. Illness-treating drug commitment (4)	

ANSWERS  
1. HATE BAIT 2. QUEBEC GREW 3. SERBS VERBS 4. LOCAL YOKEL  
5. JOGGERS LAGGERS 6. REACHES PEACHES 7. MEDICATION DEDICATION





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